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Jack Roberts 3 Guys Rock and Gem 355 West 500 South P.O. Box 356 Fillmore, Utah 84631

Re: Receipt of Permit Application Fee, Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining

Operations, 3 Guys Gem #2 Project, S/023/064, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for your \$100.00 permit application fee which was received by the Division on October 19, 1999. The application for the proposed 3 Guys Gem #2 Project, located in Section 12, T13S, R12W, SLBM, Juab County, Utah, is now considered to be complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time.

If you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify our office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining **does not** constitute approval to commence operations upon lands under state mineral leases/school sections administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, or federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or United States Forest Service (USFS). Before conducting mining operations on these lands, the operator must provide written notification, meet bonding requirements, and obtain written approval from the appropriate agency.

The Division expects you to comply fully with all the applicable "Operation and reclamation Practices" as described in the Utah Mined Land Reclamation rules, unless a written variance is requested and approved by the Division. A summary of these practices is enclosed. A variance request is not required for those practices which apply to features which are nonexistent at the mine site. For example, a variance to the requirement of permanently sealing shafts or tunnels is not required if the mine operation does not include shafts or tunnels.

We suggest you give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices." Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning mining operations will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the mine site. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is

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very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. Therefore, we have forwarded a copy of your notice to the DEQ for their review. You are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Tom Munson

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: summary

cc: Larry Garahana, BLM, Fillmore FO (UTU-078268)

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